



STATE OF MICHIGAN
STATE 911 COMMITTEE
LANSING

RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

MR. TIM SMITH
CHAIR

December 17, 2015

Dear Michigan Legislators:

Please accept this letter on behalf of the 911 community in Michigan as represented by the collective membership of the State 911 Committee (SNC). As the body established by Michigan's 911 enabling legislation, P.A. 32 of 1986 (as amended), we are tasked with promoting the successful development, implementation, and operations of Michigan's 911 systems and programs.

In this current Legislative session, there is a proposed Senate Bill, SB 444, that recognizes the importance of critical incident stress management (CISM) and post-incident CISM debriefings for first responders, including 911 telecommunicators. SB 444 allows for a degree of confidentiality, some liability protections for CISM team members, and certain exemptions from FOIA for the purposes of effective CISM debriefings. The members of the SNC believe that CISM debriefings are a useful practice to help mitigate the stress experienced by Michigan's first responders and providers.

At its quarterly meeting on December 14, 2015, the SNC passed a unanimous resolution supporting the passage of Senate Bill 444. The SNC believes that the Michigan Legislature's support of Michigan's first responders, including its 911 telecommunicators, through the passage of SB 444, can provide benefits to the public safety community long after the 911 telecommunicator has managed the call and the emergency responders have cleared the scene of an incident.

Please accept this letter as the SNC's united show of support for SB 444 and our encouragement to you to pursue adoption of SB 444.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tim Smith, Chair
Michigan SNC

Ms. Harriet Miller-Brown
State 911 Administrator

ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS OFFICIALS • COMMERCIAL MOBILE RADIO SERVICE • DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS • DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE • DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION • FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE • MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF AMBULANCE SERVICES • MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE • MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES • MICHIGAN COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION • MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS • MICHIGAN PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS UNION • MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION • MICHIGAN SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION • MICHIGAN STATE POLICE TROOPERS ASSOCIATION • NATIONAL EMERGENCY NUMBER ASSOCIATION • TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN • UPPER PENINSULA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES • MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, AND MAJORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE

STATE 9-1-1 COMMITTEE • 333 SOUTH GRAND AVENUE • P.O. BOX 30634 • LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909
www.michigan.gov/snc • (517) 241-0133